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SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events - National

Five Wounded in Shooting near University in Tennessee

(Reuters) Five people were wounded in a shooting a few blocks away from the campus of a Tennessee university on Monday night, and Clarksville police were still searching for perpetrator. Officers responded to a report of gunfire in the area near Austin Peay State University around 9 p.m. local time, police spokeswoman Natalie Hall said in a statement. Two of the wounded were transported via medical helicopter and two were transported by ambulance to hospitals, Hall said. Details on the fifth victim were not immediately available. Hall said that no suspect was in custody and that detectives were investigating. University campus police said in a statement on its Facebook account that one of the victims was transported via medical helicopter from the school's intramural field, the statement said. "Although there does not appear to be a danger to the university community, please take precautions to ensure your safety," the statement said. Further details, including whether the shooting was in any way connected to the school, were not immediately available.

Utah to Resume Use of Firing Squad for Executions

(BBC News) Utah will resume the use of firing squads to carry out the death penalty when lethal injections drugs are not available. Utah Governor Gary Herbert signed the measure into law on Monday. The move makes Utah the only US state to use firing squads as a method of execution. Some US states are considering alternative execution methods as they struggle to obtain lethal injection drugs amid a nationwide shortage. Drug inventories dwindled after European manufacturers opposed to capital punishment refused to sell the lethal concoctions. Civil rights groups have said use of firing squads makes Utah "look backward and backwoods." Governor Herbert finds the firing squad "a little bit gruesome," but said the state needs a back-up execution method. The new Utah law reinstates the use of firing squads more than a decade after the state abandoned the practice.



SITUATION SUMMARY

<u>Significant Events – International</u>

Jet Crashes in Alps, 148 on Board; 'No Survivors' Expected

(AP) A passenger jet carrying 148 people crashed Tuesday in the French Alps. France's president said no survivors were likely as search-and-rescue teams raced to the remote region. The Germanwings Airbus passenger jet crashed as it traveled from Barcelona to Duesseldorf, French officials said. Eric Ciotti, the head of the regional council in southeast France, said search-and-rescue teams were headed to the crash site at Meolans-Revels. In a live briefing Tuesday, Hollande said it was probable that a number of the victims are German. He said the area of the crash was remote and it was not clear whether anyone on the ground had been injured by the crash. The area where the plane went down is near a popular ski resort. The German Federal Bureau of Aircraft Accident Investigation is sending three people to France to join the investigation, spokesman Germout Freitag said.

Canada to Extend Anti-IS Mission, Strike Targets in Syria

(AP) Canada's prime minister will announce a one-year extension of its military mission against the Islamic State group and expand it to include air strikes on targets in Syria, a senior government official said Monday. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly. Harper had said he'll provide details about extending and expanding the mission this week. It's due to expire in April. The official confirmed the details and said Prime Minister Stephen Harper will make the announcement in Parliament on Tuesday morning. The fact that Canadian soldiers have been working near the front lines and directing airstrikes has stirred controversy in Canada. A Canadian soldier was killed by Kurdish fighters in a friendly fire incident earlier this month. Canada will be the first NATO country, other than the United States, to conduct airstrikes in Syria. Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and the UAE have also carried out airstrikes in Syria. Although the Canadian mission doesn't need parliamentary approval, the government will submit it to a vote to show consensus. Any motion would pass because Harper's Conservative Party has a majority in Parliament.

Gunmen Kill 13 in Afghan Road Attack

(BBC News) Gunmen have opened fire on a major road in eastern Afghanistan, killing at least 13 people, local officials say. Attahullah Khogyani, a spokesman for the provincial governor of Wardak, said the attackers targeted three passing vehicles, including a bus. No group has so far claimed responsibility for the attack south-west of the capital Kabul, which happened after midnight. Taliban militants are believed to be active in many parts of the province. Foreign troops ended their combat role in Afghanistan in December but some have remained in the country to support the Afghan military who are battling a bloody Taliban insurgency. There are also fears that the influence of Islamic State could be growing in Afghanistan. Afghan President Ashraf Ghani is currently visiting the US, where he is expected to urge for more funding for Afghan forces. Mr. Ghani is due to meet US President Barack Obama later on Tuesday.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Tsunami Preparedness Week 2015

Governor Brown Issues Proclamation for Tsunami Preparedness Week

On 03/23/15, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued a proclamation declaring March 22 through 28, 2015, as Tsunami Preparedness Week in the State of California. March 27, 2015, marks the 51st anniversary of the Great Alaska Earthquake and Tsunami, an event that caused twelve deaths in Crescent City and millions of dollars in damage to California's ports, harbors and coastal communities. On March 11, 2011, a tsunami generated by the magnitude 9.0 Tohoku earthquake off the coast of Japan was so powerful that it caused tremendous devastation to Japan including the loss of 15,000 lives and damage to the country's infrastructure. This tsunami caused damage throughout the Pacific, including to California, and caused one death.

To see the full text of the proclamation, please click here

Tsunami Warning System Communications Test

NOAA and Cal OES plan to conduct a test of the tsunami warning communications system on March 25 at approximately 1015 hours PDT in coastal areas of California. Currently Del Norte, Humboldt, Los Angeles, Mendocino, Orange, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties are anticipated to participate. NOAA's National Weather Service Offices in Monterey, Oxnard and San Diego will broadcast the "Required Monthly Test." The test will also be broadcast on NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards, local television and radio stations.

Weather of Concern

Warm weather is expected to return to the majority of the state. Reno, Oxnard, and San Diego NWS Offices are reporting that
temperatures are projected to rise to well above normal values late this week with the potential for heat records to be broken. In
Southern California, Santa Ana wind is expected to be weak to moderate so gusts near 50 mph at the windiest prone passes and
canyons for late Wednesday into Thursday morning. The hottest day is expected on Friday for most areas.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa_bc_cal.php

Cal EOC Incident - 2014 Drought

• SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought



WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

A moist westerly flow will bring periods of rain to northwest California today. A ridge will build into the area Wednesday bringing warming and drying for the remainder of the week.

Medford Weather:

Precipitation will gradually taper off through the day today but showers will continue over much of the forecast area into tonight. Once the system departs, ridging will return to the West Coast bringing warm temperatures until the weekend.

Reno Weather:

A few light showers will persist today, mainly near the Oregon border. Breezy conditions will linger through today and then high pressure will build over the west Wednesday through Friday for dry conditions, light winds, and much warmer temperatures.

San Francisco Weather:

Lingering moisture and a Pacific storm system north of the region may result in light precipitation over portions of the North Bay this morning. Dry weather conditions the return region-wide by tonight with a substantial warming trend expected through week's end as high pressure builds over the state.



WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Sacramento Weather:

A weak system will bring another chance for showers today mainly across far northern portions of the state. Dry weather will then return tonight into the end of the workweek with very warm temperatures.

Hanford Weather:

A weather disturbance moving through the region will maintain gusty winds over the Kern County Mountains and Desert through tonight along with a chance for some mountain showers. High pressure will build over the area Wednesday with dry weather and above normal temperatures through the end of the week.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

Gusty winds and warmer temperatures are expected today. A return to Santa Ana winds and a warming trend are forecast for Wednesday through Saturday with possible record breaking heat on Thursday and Friday. The ridge will break down on Sunday making way for a trough and cooler temperatures.

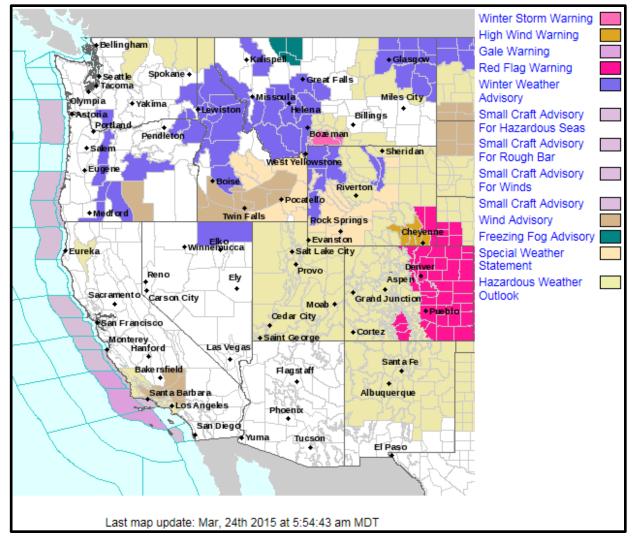
Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

Today through Wednesday, temperatures will be gradually warmer with greater warming on Wednesday along with locally gusty north winds near the coastal foothills. For Thursday and Friday, high pressure aloft and weak offshore flow will bring much warmer weather with gusty northeast winds near the coastal foothills. Cooling will begin near the coast on Saturday and spread inland on Sunday as onshore flow returns. Warming could resume on Monday.

Southeast California Weather:

A disturbance on Wednesday will result in gusty north winds over southeast California and the Colorado River Valley. A strong warming trend is expected Friday and the weekend with lower desert temperatures increasing into the mid-90s.

STATE WEATHER MAP



FIRE ACTIVITY

Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php

NWS California River Forecast Center:

http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/



RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Round Fire, Mono County

- Site sampling and hazardous materials recovery of the affected properties began 03/14/15. Cal Recycle to begin debris removal operations 03/23/15.
- Two Recovery personnel, Melinda Stehr and Judy Fredericks, have deployed to Mono County to assist with debris removal operations.

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a monthly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.
- Cal OES Regional (Inland, Costal, Southern) conference calls continue to occur on a bi-weekly basis.
- Cal OES Region/Recovery Call frequencies will change on an as needed basis.

CAL OES MISSIONS

New Cal OES Missions

• 2015-LAW-9102, 3/23/15, 2225 hours, Solano County Sheriff requesting SAR resources to assist in the search for a missing/abducted 30 year old female. Cal OES LDO is coordinating resources. **Mission ongoing.**

Ongoing Cal OES Missions

- 2015-LAW-9096, 3/23/15, 1112 hours, Shasta County Sheriff requesting a cadaver dog to assist in a Trinity County Sheriff search for a missing person within an area of Shasta County. Trinity County Sheriff took the initial missing person report and after investigation, discovered missing person was staying at a property in Shasta County. Cal OES LDO is coordinating resources. Mission ongoing.
- 2015-LAW-9018, 3/18/15, 1329 hours: Solano County Sheriff requested 2 HRD dogs for a continuation of a search from 2013. The location of the search is in Vacaville CA. Cal OES Canine Coordinator is working on the request. Search scheduled for 3/25/15 at 0900. Mission ongoing.



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.